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Politeness

There is a little quotation from some writer that effect: "Politeness is to do and say the kindest thing in the kindest way." This seems a small task for even the least person, but experience has taught me it is just about one of the hardest. It really seems to be like climbing a high mountain peak for some people to be polite.

People who think themselves intelligent would become enraged if someone would call them "Rude," yet when people have not learned to be polite they are compelled to be classed as "Rude." A few of the definitions for rudeness as given by Mr. Webster follow: rough, lacking in delicacy or refinement, unpolished, uncultured, of low rank, savage, insulting, ignorant. To be polite does not require a college degree—anybody can be polite—it costs so little and means so much. I believe if one stopped to consider how little it made him or her when being impolite, there would come over them a feeling of shame.

Politeness is not confined within certain groups or classes—it makes the King just a little bit higher when he is polite to the least servant. One would hardly want to believe that persons who have been trained in high schools and colleges are the most impolite—It would be natural to believe that these persons would have more sense than to be rude, on the contrary however, we find more impoliteness among this group of people than any other. We find them in offices, too rude to be polite to persons who stop in for business purposes; too rude to politely and sensibly answer the telephone. Politeness on the part of employees and employers has been the secret of many business successes, in fact one should not even attempt to start out in business until they have made sure of this requisite. On the other hand, employers should be very careful that their employees are possessed with this essential quality, for oftentimes dollars have been lost, even friendship because of the impoliteness of an employee.

In travelling to our goal, let us not think that we are on our way alone, there are others, the road may be crowded, let's not rudely try to push through. We cannot be independent. God has so fixed this world that we must need something someone else has, therefore, take time to be polite, take time to speak kindly, to close a door without slamming, to answer a telephone with courtesy. Blaise Pascal says, "Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. We never heard of any mental trouble arising from this quarter. Though they do not cost much, they accomplish much. They make other people good natured. They also produce their image on men's souls—and a beautiful image it is."

Be polite, remembering that "Politeness is to do and say the kindest thing in the kindest way."

Adversities

What person is there who has not met with some form of adversity. You may not be one who has lost stock in banks; who has had a home taken through mortgage—probably it has not been a question of wealth at all, but to you, to us all has come some adversity.

Adversities have made and broken men; the individual himself has been responsible for whatever adversity has done to him. Some of the most prominent people recorded on the pages of history have taken adversity and profited by it. They have been able to give the world something because of adversities. They were able to do this because they used adversity instead of endured it. However, this does not mean that we must go out in search of adversities, no, no, we only wish to have it known that adverse circumstances do not hinder ones ability to go forward.

Most real leaders have come forth because of some difficult situation. In fact, there is no greater opportunity offered for leadership than a difficult situation. The more difficult the situation, the greater the opportunity and the greater the person who accepts the opportunity.

All life is a conquest. There is very little graciously given us. God expects us to overcome our adverse conditions. He expects us to conquer. Because we lose some one to us, because we lose earnings saved through long years of toil, because we lose even health is no reason we should give up hope and courage—these are no reason why we should endure adversity. Did not Milton use blindness; Robert Louis Stevenson, a chronic illness; imprisonment; David Livingston, the dangers of

Africa; and Jesus, death. Why pine away saying all is lost, there is nothing I can do.

Society is crowded with persons who have long tales of woe; of how this or that has handicapped them, brought them to a complete stop, placed them on the relief, and made them objects of charity. It would surprise us to know the number of persons who can overcome what is now burdening them down—it just take a little will power.

It is not necessary to wait for a time and place to start—start now where you are. Decide within yourself that there is something you can do, you who are suffering under the most discouraging adversities. What men have done, men can still do.

Desertion

When the search for deserters is summed up we find that we have practically everybody in the group of deserters. There are so many ways and causes by which we can desert that there is hardly a person who is not or has not been a deserter. Ofttimes we are not aware that we have deserted a cause. It comes so natural and the habit becomes so fixed we are not aware of it.

People seldom think of desertion only as it relates to marriage or military matters, but there are numerous other causes besides home and war in which some of us may be deserters. We have our churches, our friends, our schools, and organizations to which we have pledged our allegiance.

In the Afro-American Sons & Daughters we have deserters. Countless numbers of persons have pledged to hold up the Afro banner and within a short time allowed it to trail on the ground. There are those who join the organization with one purpose, to get all that is in it and get out. This is desertion. When one has taken a stand for a cause, he should stand by it at all costs. A peculiar thing about a deserter, he usually leaves the cause after receiving its benefits. Think of a person who joins the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, stays a member for seven months—comes to the hospital, undergoes an operation that would cost over \$100.00, receives the same special care as that person who joined in the first days of the organization—then as soon as he is fully recovered, fails to pay another assessment, and oftentimes fails to speak even a good word for the organization to others. Is there any worse deserter, any worse betrayer, any worse ingrate. We think not. You know whether or not you are in this class. You know whether you have deserted the Afros, the church, a friend, some organization to which you have been a part. If you have willfully or unconsciously been a deserter, why not arise and go back. Go back with the determination to hold fast to your trust and become a rock as Peter did after his betrayal.

The New Pope

The world waited with intense interest and some measure of apprehension for the conclave of cardinals in Rome to select a successor to the universally respected Pius XI. This interest and apprehension partook in some degree of both spiritual and temporal matters, for the cause of religion has not lately stood on more perilous ground than it does today in many countries, and Pius XI had shown how a Pope might exercise his mighty influence for the ideal of peace and good will to the encour-

agement and benefit of all peoples.

As it seems to us now, both the manner of choosing Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli to follow Pius XI and the manner of the man himself justify great satisfaction inside and outside the ranks of Catholicism. In the first place, the conclave of cardinals moved with a unanimity and celerity that proved conclusively that they were of a mind to brush aside extraneous influences to express their own minds as the laws of their church both obliged and permitted them to do. The fashion of electing the new Pope shows a church united and therefore mightier than otherwise.

In the second place, Pius XII, as he has chose to be known—and there is direct significance in the choice—is a man who combines most nearly in his own person the qualities of deep spirituality required in a Christian leader and the keen, searching intelligence demanded of a Pope who must meet and deal with subversive and oppressive forces now dominant politically in many nations. Pius XII knows the world, too, of his own direct experience. He has visited the Americas, and he was for nine years from 1920 papal nuncio in Berlin, a fact that illuminatingly explains Nazi lack of enthusiasm in the connection. The world was Cardinal Pacelli's parish, in a word, before he became Pope.

The world has every right to expect wise and righteous policies and decisions from Pius XII, and the Lord alone probably knows fully how much the world needs just that. The new Pope may, perhaps, be less abrupt and more diplomatic than his immediate predecessor, but there is everything in his record to promise that he will be just as unyielding in his opposition to the disruptive "isms" that were such an abomination to Pius XI. The cardinals have chosen wisely from every angle.

Letter Box

Webb, Mississippi
March 17, 1939

Dear Editor:

Please allow space in the Afro-American Courier for me to say a few words about Rollings Lodge No. 1655. We are encouraged to go on despite the fact that conditions are a bit abnormal. One of our members went to the hospital and the good doctors and nurses performed an operation, and now Sister Mary House is back home doing fine. Drs. Miller and Fullilove and their staff of nurses will never be forgotten. We trust that they will live long to carry on this good work.

HORACE COOPER, F. S.
Rollings Lodge No. 1655

Greenwood, Mississippi
March 17, 1939

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in the Courier to say a few words in regards to the loss of our dear member, Bro. George Lee Simpson, who passed away December 3, 1938, at 1:53 o'clock a. m.

He leaves his wife, mother and father, five sisters, four brothers, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Our entire membership extend their deepest sympathy to the family.

Program of the funeral:
Remarks on the life of Bro. Simpson, Bro. D. C.

Kidd, Pearlle Banks, and Will Greer.

The funeral was preached by the Rev. S. M. Hart pastor, who was assisted by the Rev. K. D. Carter, pastor.

We loved him but the Almighty God loved him best. He is gone but not forgotten.

JULIA VALENTINE, Reporter
Mc VALENTINE, President

Banks, Mississippi
March 17, 1939

Dear Editor:

It is my desire to do more for the Afro-American Sons & Daughters at Banks in the future than we have done in the past.

We want the readers to know that we are on the road to success, and will be ready for the next Grand Lodge meeting in full force. I am

Fraternally yours,
E. L. SHORTER,
Banks, Mississippi

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